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AMERICAN WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH IN PARIS HOME BY AN ACCUSING WIFE

Slayer, an Authoress, Charged
Victim With Winning Her
Husband's Affections.

HAD MADE AN APPEAL.

Dead Woman Was the Wife
of an Insurance Man From
Whom She Had Separated.

PARIS, July 31.—Mrs. Minnie Bridgeman, an American, was shot and killed to-day by Mrs. Bloch, in Mrs. Bridgeman's apartment in the Rue Vignon. The tragedy is said to be the outcome of an alleged attachment between Mrs. Bloch's husband and Mrs. Bridgeman. Mrs. Bloch called on her victim to-day and charged her with breaking up her home. She then sent a bullet through Mrs. Bridgeman's brain, killing her on the spot. She afterward unconcernedly walked out of the apartment into the street and gave herself up to the police. Mrs. Bloch says she had made an appeal to Mrs. Bridgeman but with out avail. Mrs. Bloch is a story writer and a contributor to children's papers. It developed later in the day that Mrs. Bridgeman was the wife of James E. Bridgeman, cashier, for an insurance company in Paris from whom she is said to have been long separated. The murdered woman was born in Milwaukee and was the daughter of Henry Bernhard.

"TIM" WOODRUFF QUILTS THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

Controller Prendergast Also Re-
signs Because the Organization
Supports Taft.

As loyal Bull Moose, Controller Prendergast and Timothy L. Woodruff resigned to-day their membership in the Union League Club, Brooklyn. The action was prompted by the action of the club in last night endorsing Taft and Sherman. The Controller and Mr. Woodruff say that in view of the action of the club they cannot logically continue on its membership roll as neither subscribers to the platform adopted or candidates nominated by the Republican party at Chicago.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
AT NEW YORK.	
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AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
AT CHICAGO.	
HIGHLANDERS—	5 0 0
CHICAGO—	1 0 1

OLYMPIC ATHLETES WELCOMED HOME BY GREAT CROWDS

First Batch of Victorious Team
Tell Experiences in Beat-
ing the World.

STROBINA IS A HERO.

Says He Would Have Won
Marathon If It Had Been
Regulation Distance.

More than a score of the American athletes who helped carry the Stars and Stripes to victory at the recent Olympic games arrived in New York to-day on the Red Star liner Vaterland. They are the first to reach home and there was a big crowd of friends and admirers at the dock to greet them. Every one of the athletes seemed in the best of condition after the two long trips and the strenuous work at Stockholm and declared the experience had been wonderful in every respect. They were loud in their praise of the welcome of hospitality they enjoyed during their sojourn at the games. At every turn of events, they said, it was evident that among all the nations the United States was the big favorite, and in spite of disappointments to other nations the spectators to a man invariably displayed real enthusiasm over the triumph of the American athletes. Among the members of the team returning on the Vaterland were: Mike Murphy, trainer; Clarence H. DeMar, Howard P. Drew, C. S. Edmondson, J. Ericksen, Simon P. Gillis, Hal Hellawell, John Paul Jones, J. R. Nicholson, N. J. Patterson, Andrew Sockolakis, Louis Tewanina, James Wendell, H. F. Worthington, Al Krusche, and ten members of the rifle team under command of Lieut.-Col. William Libby. Strobina was the big center of interest. He is the little South Paterson, N. J., lad who ran third in the gruelling Marathon when all the others upon whom America had pinned its hopes fell by the wayside. He was the object of an enthusiastic welcome by a delegation from the South Paterson A. C., the organization that put up the purse that enabled him to make the trip. STROBINA SAYS HE MIGHT HAVE WON MARATHON. There were also at the dock Strobina's father, mother and his sister. None of them made any attempt to conceal their joy over the success of the diminutive Gaston, and he was smothered with kisses and hugs. Strobina declared that although two men preceded him to the tape in the classic, heartbreaking run he was well satisfied with his performance. Had the distance been the regular Marathon length, instead of over a mile shorter, he declared he is sure he would have overtaken and passed the winner, McArthur, before the finish. This he bases on his relative condition at the end of the race. McArthur, said Strobina, was almost in a state of collapse, while he, although very tired, was in condition to run strong a couple more miles. A pretty element of romance entered into the welcoming at the dock. This was the meeting of C. D. Reidelpath, winner of the sensational 66-metre race, and his fiancée, Miss Sally Pratt of Buffalo. Reidelpath was a hero to the cheering crowd that gathered at the pier despite the early hour of the vessel's docking. But the pretty little woman who ran to meet him, with pride and happiness glowing in her eyes, made him forget the public welcome. So the crowd vented its enthusiasm in a hearty cheer for both of them. The young runner is a civil engineer in Buffalo, and said he was exceedingly anxious to get back to his business. Asked when his wedding would take place, he looked at Miss Pratt with a smile and replied, "Quite soon I hope."

REIDPATH SAYS HE IS THROUGH RUNNING. Reidelpath confirmed the report that he was through running. (Continued on Second Page.)

BELASCO SCRUBBED FLOORS, CARRIED A SPEAR—HONEST!

Manager Tells on Witness
Stand How Budding
Authors Bombard Him.

HUNDRED PLAYS A DAY.

Sold Papers in San Francisco,
Too, While Struggling
up Ladder.

David Belasco, playwright and theatrical manager, testified before United States Commissioner O'Brien to-day in the hearing on the petition of Abraham Goldkorn for an injunction restraining Mr. Belasco and William C. De Mille from producing "The Woman" which had a run at the Republic Theatre last winter, and also compelling an accounting of profits and the payment of royalties on performances already given. Mr. Goldkorn, who says that "The Woman" was plagiarized from his play "Tainted Philanthropy," was represented by Attorney Adolph Freyer, Mr. Belasco was represented by Attorney Irving Dittenhofer and Mr. De Mille by Max D. Josephson. Mr. Belasco was produced as a witness to be examined by counsel for the petitioner and he asked permission to stand while testifying. After a time, however, he found it convenient to sit. The author was there in person and an amusing incident occurred when Mr. Belasco said: "I am always being sued by barbers and servant girls for plagiarizing their plays." "What was your original occupation, Mr. Belasco?" asked Mr. Freyer. This evoked protests from the playwright's counsel and Mr. Belasco said: "I never met the gentleman who is suing me in this case. I don't know him and don't know his occupation." "There he is—right there," said the lawyer pointing to Mr. Goldkorn. BELASCO SOLD PAPERS IN 'FRISCO STREETS. "Oh! I beg your pardon?" said Mr. Belasco to Mr. Goldkorn. "I sold papers in the streets of San Francisco and I opened a cigar store at seven in the morning and scrubbed the floor and I carried a spear in the theatre at night. I was not always a play producer, and I meant no personal offense to you, sir. I do not know that you are a barber or what your occupation is or was." "I started my play bureau," Mr. Belasco continued, "to encourage young authors, young Americans, and I have produced more of their plays than any two producers. I wanted to help them. Oh! I wanted to do much good for them and I have had so much trouble in consequence. I have been sued for every play I have produced, but never by responsible authors. There was so much talk of suing me for unretruned manuscripts and so on that I was forced to hire some one to catalogue them and return them. I get fifty to a hundred of them every day. The bureau costs me from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year and I never got a cent. That is what it has cost me to encourage young authors." WAS AT ONE PLAY FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. Mr. Belasco said he made a contract with Mr. De Mille for the writing of "The Woman" in May, 1908. "We had talked it over for months previously," he said. "Mr. De Mille came to me with an idea, and after months of discussion, I said to him, 'The topic is timely—the atmosphere is full of the subject, and you have my idea of how the subject should be handled.' I took off my coat and went to work." Then he started to write the play, and he must have been at it two or three years. He saw me very many times and must have submitted half a dozen scenarios and at least eight manuscripts before production. Mr. Belasco said that Henry Strobina had been employed by him for some time and in June, 1910, Mr. Strobina was the reader for the play "The Woman," but is not

ROUND-UP TO FORCE GAMBLERS TO TELL OF HIGHER-UP GRAFT



CHARLES S. WHITMAN
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NINE STITCHES IN MAN'S HEART TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Philadelphia Doctor Sews Up
Organ Virtually Cut in Two
During Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—Nine stitches were placed in the heart of John Thompson, a negro, in the Pennsylvania Hospital last night, after that organ had been cut virtually in two. Several similar operations have been successful at that institution, and doctors believe Thompson will recover. The operation was performed by Dr. Mitchell Thompson, who lives at No. 1009 Waverly street, was hurried to the hospital shortly after he had been stabbed by British Shave, another negro. Dr. Mitchell had him placed on the operating table, and in less than five minutes had an incision and sutured away portions of three ribs. Laying bare the heart, he quickly sewed up the wound, placing a stitch in the organ when it rose with each pulsation. According to the police, Thompson was stabbed during the fight with Shaw, who lived at No. 1057 Madison street. The wren of the pair quarrelled during the day, the police say, and the men took up the fight when they returned last night. ALMANAC FOR TODAY.
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"KID" MCCOY APPEALS TO AMBASSADOR REID FOR RELEASE ON BAIL

Again Denied Freedom in Rob-
bery Case, He Takes Action,
Through His Wife.

LONDON, July 31.—"Kid" McCoy (Norman Selby), the American boxer, who was arrested on Saturday last on a provisional extradition warrant and brought up at Bow street police court on a charge of larceny, alleged to have been committed at Ostend and remanded by the Magistrate without bail, must spend another fortnight in police detention until the Belgian extradition papers are ready. In the meantime the efforts of his attorneys to secure bail have been unavailing. The Belgian Legation here is unwilling to permit him to be liberated and the Magistrate is obdurate on account of the recent increase of burglaries in England. Mrs. McCoy has appealed to the United States Embassy, declaring that her husband is the victim of the Belgian police, who are seeking to force him to testify against the alleged jewel thieves. Woodrow Wilson Portrait Free. The Sunday World will give a large photograph of Woodrow Wilson free for the publisher in next Sunday's World. The picture is in same style as the famous "Series of Presidents" photographs, but more than twice as large. It is a great picture of the Democratic candidate for President. Don't miss next Sunday's World.

Whitman Gets Offers of Bribe-Giv- ers to Testify if Guaranteed Pro- tection Against Vengeance of Police "System."

WEBBER ALSO COLLECTOR FOR BECKER, HE ADMITS

Raider's Chief Aides Reduced to Patrol Duty and Salary and Scattered in Precincts.

Armed with testimony gathered from his outside sources during the day, District-Attorney Whitman went to the West Side Police Court prison late this afternoon and called "Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Webber and Harry Vallon into conference. Mr. Whitman was determined, on this visit, to get if possible, the full story of the plot to kill Herman Rosenthal from the three informers.

The District-Attorney knows well that Rose, Webber and Vallon have not told all they know about the plot, or the murder, or the whereabouts of the actual assassins. Nor does he believe that Rose has revealed the full inwardness of the system of collecting graft in the Tenderloin.

In a talk with the three prisoners earlier in the day, Mr. Whitman was given to understand that new facts would be revealed this afternoon. Rose and Webber have had an opportunity to think up details, and Rose has been working on a tabulation of gamblers who contributed to the graft fund and the amounts so collected.

Considerable of the District-Attorney's time at the West Side Prison was taken up with the questioning of "Bridgie" Webber. Mr. Whitman has information that Webber, as well as Rose, was a collector for a police official in the Tenderloin gathering toll, however, from illegal places other than gambling houses, such as opium joints and similar dives.

District-Attorney Whitman is preparing a round-up of the gamblers of New York before the Grand Jury. Through "Jack" Rose and from other sources he has obtained the names of scores of gambling house and poolroom keepers who are alleged to have paid graft to police officers for the privilege of doing business, and these men will be asked how much they paid and to whom.

In many cases the District-Attorney will be able to put on the perjury screws if the gamblers do not come across with truthful information. The Dowling law makes possible such a move as Mr. Whitman is planning.

WITNESSES VOLUNTEER, BUT FEAR "SYSTEM."

Not only does the District-Attorney look for amazing enlightenment from the gamblers who will testify under the force of subpoenas, but he is expecting great assistance from volunteers who have complained to him that they have paid for protection and protection has not been forthcoming. The office of the District-Attorney has been bombarded with offers from men and women to come forth with testimony if protection from police vengeance is guaranteed.

Volumes of information have been gathered during the past week concerning blackmail alleged to have been levied on disorderly houses and other dives in the Tenderloin. From the information at hand the District-Attorney is led to believe that the Tenderloin district was overrun with "collectors," who overlooked no chance to glean "dirty" money. One of the men under arrest for the Rosenthal murder is accused by certain of the District-Attorney's informants of having controlled the opium and cocaine traffic of the Tenderloin with police assistance.

Police Commissioner Waldo was questioned to-day as to the truth of the rumor that he offered his resignation to Mayor Gaynor yesterday and the Mayor refused to accept it. The Commissioner refused to discuss the matter, but from one in his confidence it was learned that he did not tender his resignation and has no intention of resigning.

Four patrolmen who have been attached to Lieut. Becker's "strong arm" squad were transferred to-day to patrol duty. James C. White was sent to the Leonard street station, Charles C. Steinert to the West Sixty-seventh street station, Joseph B. Shephard to the Lenox avenue station and